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New Exhibit Celebrates Mastery of "Pure Painting"

Library Exhibit Runs June 4 through July 23 at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch

SAN DIEGO – More than 30 paintings by a dozen of San Diego's best artists are featured in "Pure Painting," the current offering of the City of San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program. Free and open to the public, the exhibit will be on display from June 4 through July 23 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.

This exhibition was organized as a tribute to the unsurpassed beauty and power of a well-conceived and executed painting, and to celebrate the mastery of the medium. As the title of the exhibit suggests, all the works in "Pure Painting" use traditional painting media, including oil, acrylic and egg tempera, primarily on canvas or board. However, the works themselves are far from traditional. The selected artists are mature painters who are enormously creative and, at the same time, accomplished technicians.

The wide array of subjects and styles on view range from Marianela de la Hoz's exquisite and tiny egg tempera works that meld nightmarish surrealism and Mexican iconography, to Richard Baker's fresh and powerful abstractions. Each work in "Pure Painting" is sumptuous and interesting, and attests to the high caliber of art that can be found in San Diego.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library is located at 4275 Cass St. It is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library branch at **858-581-9934**.

The San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally-recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, a television program, and other art-related activities. The mission of the program is to demonstrate the Library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wide local, regional and national attention. Visual Arts Program exhibitions are made possible, in part, by contributions from individuals, volunteer efforts and the Friends of the Central Library. For more information about the Visual Arts Program, contact Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.

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